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SUBJECT : AIR VICE MARSHALL MAHMOOD ON RICE STOCKS

1. THE BANGLADESH OBSERVER ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 6, 1977 CARRIED THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE QUOTING DCMLA AIR VICE MARSHALL A.G. MAHMOOD ON THE RICE STOCK SITUATION IN BANGLADESH UNDER HEADLINE "RICE STOCKS ADEQUATE". BEGIN TEXT. AIR VICE MARSHALL A.G. MAHMOOD, CHIEF OF AIR STAFF AND DCMLA, ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON HAD A MEETING IN BANGLADESH SECRETARIAT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF RICE TRADERS TO REVIEW THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE SUPPLY AND PRICE OF RICE. THIS WAS THE SECOND MEETING WITH THE TRADERS DURING THE LAST 10 DAYS, REPORTS BSS.

DURING THE DISCUSSION, IT WAS NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT AS A RESULT OF COOPERATION EXTENDED BY THE TRADERS WITH GOVERNMENT MEASURES, THE TREND OF UNUSUAL RISE IN THE RICE PRICE IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY HALTED AND THE SUPPLY POSITION HAD BEEN NORMALISED.

AIR VICE-MARSHALL A. G. MAHMOOD EXPLAINED TO THE TRADERS THAT THERE WAS ADEQUATE STOCK OF RICE IN GOVERN-
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MENT GODOWNS AND FOOD IMPORT FROM ABROAD HAD BEEN WELL SCHEDULED. HE SAID WHILE THE GOVERNMENT WAS KEEN THAT FARMERS SHOULD GET AN ECONOMIC PRICE FOR THEIR PRODUCE, THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON FOR THE RICE PRICE TO RISE ABNORMALLY.

THE AIR CHIEF HOPED THAT THE TRADERS WOULD CONTINUE

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TO COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN MAINTAINING STEADY SUPPLY OF RICE AND STABILIZING ITS PRICE. HE SAID IT WOULD BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST AS WELL AS IN THEIR OWN INTEREST THAT THE TRADERS AND ALL OTHERS ENGAGED IN THE FOOD TRADE DID NOT FORCE THE GOVERNMENT TO ADOPT PUNITIVE MEASURES. HE SAID EVERY ONE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT FOOD WAS AN ESSENTIAL ITEM AND MUST BE KEPT FREE FROM MANIPULATION BY ANTI-NATIONAL FORCES.

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TRADERS ASSURED THE AIR CHIEF THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN STABILIZING THE SUPPLY AND PRICE OF RICE IN THE COUNTRY. END TEXT. THE STORY WAS ALSO CARRIED IN THE BANGLADESH TIMES OF THE SAME DAY IN AN EDITED VERSION.

2. COMMENT: IN THE COURSE OF THE RECENT TITLE I NEGOTIATIONS THE BDG INFORMED US THAT THEY WERE SURVEYING GRAIN DEALERS TO ASCERTAIN THE LEVEL OF STOCKS HELD BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE BDG IS COMPILING ITS FINDINGS AND HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE THEM TO US WHEN AVAILABLE.
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